

A FAIR GO, SPORT

World's top game gets dirty deal

By George Yelland

Migrants . . . New Australians . . . Australia's new citizens, call them what you will, are up in arms at the dirty deal their favorite sport is getting in their new country.

This is particularly true of Victoria, where TV, radio and daily press discriminate shamelessly against soccer.

These media are guilty, day by day, of countless examples of bias and "UNFAIR GO" which they mete out to soccer.

It was never better illustrated than the day those Galahs arrived back in Melbourne. More time and space was devoted to the present Barassi brought back for his wife, than was given to the Australian National Soccer team's phenomenal feat of winning all TEN games in Asia.

Recently one of the world's most renowned soccer teams, MOSCOW DYNAMO, visited Australia. For all the publicity given by TV and radio, they might never have left Russia. Reference to them by the daily press was grudging and meagre.

At the same time, all three media give daily splurges on the State's parochial "religion", footy. The public is enveloped, to the point of suffocation, for most of the year with daily doings of footy "stars" while the world's only truly international sport is scratching to get a mention.

Image

In sport, Australia's boast of "fair go" is as much a myth as the overseas image of the "big, bronzed Australian."

Mr John Oliphant, one

of Soccer's most experienced administrators, said:

"I have personally sponsored almost 500 migrants. The Immigration Department knows this, and also the fact that Soccer clubs sponsor players, their families, and even complete strangers.

"Aware of all this, the Department just takes it for granted and does nothing to help the clubs or the game.

"Soccer is the one sport behind the Immigration program.

"Can Australia afford to ignore Soccer?

"I know that many pro-

"I accuse"



John Barclay, Manager, Australia World Cup team.

Got to stop!



Enver Begovic, State League Chairman and member of V.S.F. Board.



John Gorton, chairman of the V.S.F. Board of Management.



John Oliphant, member of the Board of Management.

pective migrant Soccer players in the U.K. and other European countries refuse to consider Australia. They go to South Africa or Canada.

Soccer will oust other games here.

"This is ridiculous.

"Soccer lives happily, side by side with rugby in the U.K., with bull fighting in Spain and Mexico and so on."

Treatment

"Disillusioned players have returned home to tell of the discrimination against Soccer here.

"The Ministry's cry is 'populate or perish'. The treatment meted out to those working for this end, proves the cry to be nothing but empty words."

When asked where he felt the blame lay for Soccer's shocking treatment, Mr John Barclay, manager of Australia's National Team, in their recent World Cup venture, said: "I accuse ALL publicity media in Victoria of dauntlessly discrimination against Soccer."

Asked why he thought this was so, Mr Barclay replied, "There appears to be an unreasoned fear that

Vehement

Chairman of the State League Council, member of the V.S.F. Board of Management, and Publicity Chief for the Soccer Federation, and one of Soccer's hardest workers, Mr Enver Begovic was vehement in his condemnation of the sport's treatment in Victoria.

"It's got to stop," he said. "Unless T.V., radio and the newspapers really give Soccer a 'fair go', Australia will get fewer and fewer migrants from Europe."

"I know for a fact that many migrants write home, telling of the dirty deal Soccer gets here. 'I've no doubt this

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article will find it's way into many European homes.

"It can only slow the influx of migrants. Something must be done about it, and soon."

Mr John Gorton, Chairman of the V.S.F. Board of Management, issued this forthright statement:

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Slaughter

My knowledge of commercial T.V. and radio is very limited because, as an Englishman, I abhor the slaughter of the English language which is associated with sports broadcasting from these sources.

"I do, however, listen to the sports broadcasts from the A.B.C.

"I recall that when Victoria was to play South Australia at Aussie Rules football last season, an A.B.C. commentator described the match as being played for the "World Championship."

"No better example can exist, of the stupidity of the situation.

"Of course, we cannot deny that the game was for the World Championship of their sport.

"As the A.B.C. commentator claimed, Victoria (not composed of all Victorians), is the Australian World champion side.

"I thank them for confirming that they live in a little world of their own, and that this world they created for themselves is as puny as the minds that created it.

"I am proud to lead Soccer in this State, because our horizon is the whole world and all the nationalities and races it contains."

Big loss

"Australia's recent World Cup effort produced an overall loss of \$37,000.

"This money came from the pockets of migrants,

but it spread the gospel of Australian sporting prowess in at least ten countries and made the rest of the world aware of us.

"Could 'footy' do this?

"Australia should have a Ministry of Sport. They should underwrite any sporting activity which endeavors to bring Australia international prestige. Such Department would have no bias — all sports would get an even break."

Mr. Phillip Lynch, our Minister for Immigration, was approached six times this week by the chairman of the V.S.F. for comment.

So far contact has not been made.

T.V. and radio lean heavily to footy and racing. Soccer, rugby, hockey and similar international sports are scarcely considered.

The A.B.C. is aware of public interest in soccer. Their "Match of the Day" attracts an enormous audience.

GTV-9, knowing this, have jumped on the bandwagon with "Star Soccer" on Saturday morning.

These are U.K. games. Neither station gives anything to Australian soccer.

Ignored

HSV-7 gives soccer a couple of minutes in their three-hour "World of Sport" program, and ATV-0 gives soccer even

less. (Last Sunday they showed the N.S.W. v. Dynamo game, three weeks after the event.)

All radio stations virtually ignore soccer, including the A.B.C.

Surely the nature and function of the Australian Broadcasting Commission is to cover all aspects of Australian life fairly.

Soccer is an important one, but it would appear that top officials at the A.B.C. are violently opposed to the sport.

You, the soccer public of Victoria, are not without blame.

Do you ring any of these people or write to them, complaining of this un-Australian discrimination?

Is it too much trouble to make your voices and demands for fair play heard?

Spend a few five cents on phone calls and stamps to voice your disapproval and disgust and demand a better deal.

You pay T.V. and radio licences. You buy newspapers. You should realise that your apathy helps these people to get away with ignoring soccer.

It's not enough for one or two diehards to try stirring them up.

Each one of you must play your part.

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Footscray's rebel

shines in big comeback

Two controversial champions — Milan Mihailovic of Footscray J.U.S.T. and Leo Damianakos of South Melbourne Hellas — made a shock comeback to State League soccer on Sunday.

Both had been out of the game due to disagreements with their clubs.

The reappearance of Mihailovic was the greater shock.

During the past two months he has publicly blasted the Footscray J.U.S.T. committee, claiming it had not honored its contract with him.

The club had placed him on the transfer list and Mihailovic flew to Sydney for discussion with a number of leading clubs, including Western Suburbs, Yugal and St. George Budapest.

He had continuously stated he would never again play for Footscray J.U.S.T., but there he was, the best man afield against Hellas.

Although he scored for Footscray, his efforts were no help.

Getting great drive from Damianakos, Ernie Ackersley and David High, and with Dioysius Kyriazis keeping striker Slobodan Zoraja out of the game, Hellas stormed to a 3-1 victory.

It was a good start to Vic Janczyk's new career as Hellas coach.

The two teams were evenly matched in the first half, with Mihailovic doing fast, intelligent work in midfield.

Hellas was coming out

of defence quickly and Ulysses Kokkinos was always a threat despite the close play of Milenko Ruzmir.

But the biggest danger to Footscray was striker Ernie Ackersley, who had a hand in all of Hellas' goals.

After a scoreless first half, Hellas stormed forward with the advantage of a strong wind.

Footscray's defence was brittle because Geoff Evans did not have the experience to cover for Drago Ujesenovic and Cedo Kirkevich when they went forward.

Hellas would not have scored its third goal had it not been for Evans' indecision.

With Zoraja well covered, Buljevic from centre forward to the left, hoping the tall striker would find David Kelly easier to beat than Steve Walker.

The move didn't come off. Kelly stuck to Buljevic like glue and completed the assassination of Footscray's attack.

Scorers were David Gorrie (49th minute), Mihailovic (50th), Ackersley (55th) and Jimmy Armstrong (60th).

Ujesenovic was sent off in the 79th minute, after having words with the referee.

Teams—

HELLAS: Stephens, Kelly, High, Walker, Kyriazis, Bedford, Gorrie, Kokkinos, Ackersley, Armstrong, Damianakos.

FOOTSCRAY: Mihailovic, Ujesenovic, Evans, Ruzmir, Micic, Kirkevich, Mihailovic, Zoraja, Buljevic, Stankovic. Crowd at Schintler Reserve: 4500.

Ringwood City 2, Melbourne 0.

Two great goals by captain-coach Brian Edgley gave Ringwood victory over a luckless Melbourne at Jubilee Park last Saturday.

With Bobby Adam a last-minute omission through injury, Ringwood kicked off, but the Melbourne strikers were first into action, with Szabo firing in a long-range shot superbly turned away for a corner by Van Egmond.

Melbourne were in control in the early stages, but with Pygall linking well in midfield and young Robert Bailey effectively blocking the dangerous Melbourne left wing, Ringwood slowly got on top.

Good efforts by Edgley and Spiekerman thoroughly tested Carmichael in the Melbourne goal and after 30 minutes Campbell, roving across the field to the far right wing, crossed a high ball to Edgley, who nodded it over the head of a bemused and motionless Carmichael to open the score.

With four minutes to go for half-time, Ringwood again attacked through Freddie Bunce, who had put in some good work on the right wing.

Bunce steadied himself and, standing quite still, calmly chipped the ball over a goalmouth ruck to



Ringwood City goalkeeper Nick Van Egmond sails through the air in the typical fashion that has earned him a reputation as a high flying stopper. His mighty effort put paid to a dangerous Melbourne attack.

the waiting Edgley, whose well-timed shot was lost by the unsighted Carmichael.

Two up at half-time, City seemed well placed, but Melbourne ploughed back into attack with Rogers and Pocock sparking vigorously at times.

Maybe if Bleskian had not left his shooting boots home his team might have pulled back a goal or even forced a draw.

Midway through the second half both defences were dominating the game. For Melbourne McGowan put in a Trojan effort and Ringwood's hulky Mike Fye combined pace and power.

Although no more goals came, they were on the cards all the time and kept the game alive with interest. Fye cleared hurriedly off the post after a mighty shot from David and Carmichael brilliantly saved what was the shot of the day from Spiekerman.

The blanket Ringwood defence, which has yet to concede a goal, has recovered completely from the loss of Thompson last season.

Melbourne's speedy strikers will go well against any side which allows them just a little more room down the centre.

TEAMS
RINGWOOD CITY: Van Egmond, Bailey, Ward, Fye, Buns, Pygall, Lockhurst, Bunce, Edgley, Spiekerman, Campbell. Substitutes: O'Toole for Lockhurst, 60 mins.
MELBOURNE: Carmichael, McDavid, Jubas, Szabo, McGowan, Scott, Keri, Wallace, Pocock, Rogers, Bleskian. Sub: Edgley 2 (30 mins., 41 mins.). Crowd: 1200 at Jubilee Park.

Polonia 2, Slavia 0.
With Andrew Czapiak starring in his new role of left winger, Polonia beat Port Melbourne Slavia 2-0 at Maribyrnong Reserve on Sunday.

Polonia opened with Zbig Szalinski in goal and Henry Siwka at outside right.

The Maribyrnong side attacked constantly, but in a breakaway through Livingston and Steele, Slavia's Jimmy Paul almost scored.

Slavia's best chance came in the 20th minute. Marian Sowula and Szalinski collided in the goal-

mouth, but Paul crossed to the left, where Polonia's defenders cleared easily.

Slavia again looked dangerous when Livingstone headed a McBain corner. But Szalinski saved brilliantly.

Olinowski scored, only to be ruled offside, but in the 30th minute he made no mistake with a coolly placed shot after Siwka had beaten three defenders.

Slavia replaced Archie Shedden with Marshall McCallum in the 60th minute, and Polonia brought on Eddy Marmur for Jimmy Malloy five minutes later.

Polonia's move paid off. One minute after he came on, Marmur took a good cross from Sowula and scored from close range.

Teams:
POLONIA: Szalinski, Knot, Sowula, Zurawski, Czerwikski, Widars, Siwka, Cios, Malloy, Marmur, Olinowski, Czapiak.
SLAVIA: Kuhn, Jones, McBain, Reid, Zanetta, Shedden, (McCallum), Livingstone, Harris, Paul, Steele, Gildes.

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Four head vote list

Four players lead the voting for the Marlboro 1970 best and fairest award.

The players are Bryan Thomson (Juvantus), Andrew Czapiak (Polonia), Dario Epifano (George Cross) and Ian McCarty (Lions).

All have scored the maximum six votes from two matches.

The best and fairest trophy, plus a cheque for \$100, is presented by Philip Morris Pty. Ltd.

The company is also awarding a trophy for the top-scorer of the season, and current leader is Bryan Thomson, with four goals.

Progress votes:—

- 1 Bryan Thomson (J), Czapiak (P), Epifano (GC), McCarty (L).
- 2 Stankovic (J.U.S.T.), Scott (M), High (H), Self (A), Williams (C), Fye (W).
- 3 McIntyre (C).
- 4 Pygall (W), Mihailovic (J.U.S.T.), McGowan, Rogers (W), Zurawski (P), Walker (H), Glykolas (A), Stenhouse (Hak.), Knot (S).
- 5 Bailey (W), Buljevic (J.U.S.T.), Irvine, Goodwin, Frost, Knut, Ackersley (H), Pokianos (A), Ireland, Gardiner (GC), Collinson, van Zeist (L), Kovack (C), Cameron (Hak.), McBain (S).
- 6 Staroski (L), Harveys (C), O'Neill (Hak.), Livingstone (S), Bunce, van Egmond (W), Ruz, Kirkevich (J.U.S.T.), Carmichael (M), Cios (P), Bedford, Damianakos (H), Eriaria, Mangopoulos (A), Reid, McLachlan (GC).

Goalkeepers:
1 Bryan Thomson (J).
2 McIntyre (C), Bunce, Edgley (W), Irvine (H).
3 Scott (M), Buljevic, Mihailovic (J.U.S.T.), Horner, van Zeist (L), Kokkinos, Ackersley, Gorrie, Armstrong (H), Harveys, Vojtak, Williams (C), Fye (W), Kinnell, Cios, Kovack, Marmur (P), Cameron (Hak.), Epifano (GC), Mangopoulos (A).
Own goals: Bobby Thomson (J) for Polonia.

Votes for the second round:
Sent: Melbourne Hellas: 3 High, 2 Ackersley, 1 Damianakos.
Footscray J.U.S.T.: 3 Mihailovic, 2 Stankovic, 1 Kirkevich.
Juvantus: 3 Bryan Thomson, 2 Frost, 1 Goodwin.
Lions: 3 McCarty, 2 van Zeist, 1 Staroski.

Alexander: 3 Glykolas, 2 Self, 1 Mangopoulos.
Crosia: 3 Williams, 1 Kovack, 1 McIntyre.
George Cross: 3 Epifano, 2 Gildes, 1 McBain.
Hakoah: 3 Stenhouse, 3 Cameron, 1 O'Neill.
Ringwood City Whitebills: 3 Fye, 2 Bailey, 1 van Egmond.
Melbourne: 3 McGowan, 2 Scott, 1 Rogers.
Polonia: 3 Czapiak, 2 Knot, 1 Zurawski.
Port Melbourne Slavia: 3 Kuhn, 2 McBain, 1 Livingston.

LEAGUE LADDER

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| S.M. Hellas | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 4 |
| Juvantus | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 2 | 4 |
| Crosia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 2 |
| F.U. Alexander | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| Polonia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| Hakoah | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Footscray J.U.S.T. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Melbourne | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| George Cross | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 |
| Lions | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 9 | 0 |
| P.M. Slavia | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 |

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A ring of Melbourne defenders (above) has a desperate duel to clear its lines during the clash with Ringwood. But the powerful Ringwood proved too strong in the end and ran out winners 2-0. Above right, Ringwood City half-back Pye resorts to aerial acrobatics during a tussle with Melbourne attacker Ray Pocock.

LEAGUE BATTLE HOTS UP

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Hakoah 1, George Cross 1.

Pointless after their abandoned game against Slavia, Hakoah were lucky to draw against a George Cross side that showed greater pace and anticipation.

George Cross moved swiftly into attack and

from an early corner, Reid swung wildly and failed to connect when presented with an easy chance right in front of goal.

He missed a second great opportunity moments later when after breaking away from the Hakoah

backline, he shot wide with only Henderson to beat.

Hakoah's short passing game gave George Cross

little trouble and the occasional suicidal solo runs were no great substitute. In fact, it took centre-half John O'Neill to show his forwards the way which he did with a fine run, down the left wing.

He pulled the ball back from the goaline to curl away from Kastner in the Cross goal a chance almost converted by Terry Lane.

Recovering from that cheeky raid, George Cross went on the rampage and the pressure was really on a tottering Hakoah defence right through to half time.

Four minutes into the second half, Hakoah went ahead unexpectedly when the ever alert Cameron headed into the George Cross net almost knocking himself out in the process.

The George Cross reply was almost immediate. Walker to Reid, flicked on to the foot of Epifano for a tremendous shot that Henderson sensed rather than saw.

In spite of being given complete freedom on both wings, George Cross were unable to score again although Epifano went very close when his header was accidentally cleared by Douglas.

Hakoah, coming back into the game towards the close, thanks to the sheer strength of stalwart O'Neill and Alan Stenhouse, also had chances that went begging and could have won.

TEAMS

HAKOAH: Henderson, Douglas, Baker, Fry, O'Neill, Stenhouse, Lane, Dragajevic, Robertson, Bridgeman, Cameron. Sub: Panther for Bridgeman, 55 mins.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, McLaughlan, Kelly, Hicks, Ireland, Friedelburg, Walker, Gardner, Pryde, Reid, Epifano. Sub: Truszkowski for Pryde, 45 mins. Crowd: 650, Middle Park.

Croatia 0, Alexander 1.

1. Croatia looked more like the side who had come up from the First Division than Alexander on this performance.

With a second rate display in which they lost possession too easily and were forced into a lot of bad passing, they seldom had any real answer to the firebrand type of soccer which Alexander turned on.

The goal by Mangopolous in the 62nd minute was a just reward for a united effort by 11 players who might lack something in skill but make up for it by fighting spirit for the whole 90 mins.

Scorer: Alexander — Mangopolous.

TEAMS

CROATIA: Kovacek, Bot, Gunn, Symington, Williams, Rau, McIntyre, Rajher (Pirras), Vojtek, McKay, Hargrave.

ALEXANDER: Kennedy, Tiktakis, Glennie, Kiriak, Xantopolous, Seife, Raovalla, Glykhalamous, Mangopolous, Pokianos, Brown. Referee: R. Lamb. Crowd: 3207.

Juventus 4, Lions 1.

Except for a brief spell just before half time and after they had netted to make the score 2-1, Lions were never really in the hunt and were just not good enough to make any real impression on a Juventus side who played well except for a ten minute lapse of concentration.

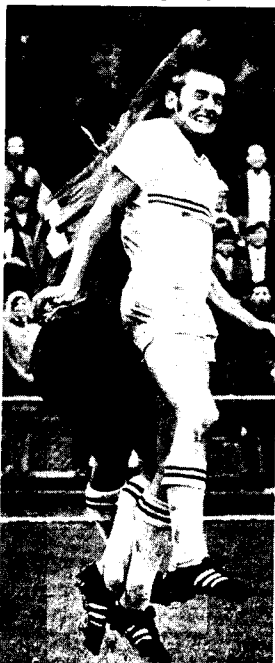
Highlight of the game was the brilliant hat-trick by Bryan Thomson.

Scorers: Juventus — Bryan Thomson (3), Irvine. Lions — Van Zeist.

TEAMS

JUVENTUS: Retilly, Della Rocca, Thomson, Kinnell, Irvine, Salisbury, Goodwin, Frost, B. Thomson, McColl, Di Marchi.

LIONS: Evans, Rosewair, Bartley, McCarthy, Murney, Van Zeist (Kulyk), Starczak, Horner, Smart, Collinson, Outten. Referee: B. Finnegan. Crowd: 2141.



Melbourne defender Jimmy McGowan leaps to shield his own goalkeeper, Tommy Carmichael, in their clash with Ringwood City.



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MAKEDONIA SETS TIME AS TARGET



With former Yugoslavian international Slavko Datsevski as coach, Preston Makedonia is determined to win back the State League berth it lost in 1968.

Says new secretary Jimmy Antonopoulos: "As soon as we have enough money, we'll start recruiting top class players."

"Already we've collected \$1800 from our members and we've wiped off the \$200 debt with which we started the year. "If we can rake up another \$3000, we'll be well on the way." At the moment, Makedonia has a hard core of 1000 followers. With a total of about 40,000 Macedonians living in Victoria, the club has a big pool on which to draw.

Already, two players have been recruited to strengthen the team's bid for State League.

They are 23-year-old inside-left Slavko Velkovski, an immigrant from Yugoslavia, and 18-year-old forward Mike Stojanov, from District League club, Kingsville.

Four players from Yugoslavian national

JOE MAJOR continues his weekly series on State and Metropolitan League clubs.

This week he puts the spotlight on First Division Makedonia, a club which has had a taste of State League soccer — and is keen to have more.

league clubs Varda and Tetex were also approached, but they were not interested in the terms of the proposed contracts. Makedonia's practice match form is promising. Results so far have been 2-1 v. Richmond, 1-1 v. St. Albans, 2-1 v. State League team Ringwood City Wilhelmina and 3-3 v. Kingsville, a club with enough talent to play in First Division. The club is also laying the groundwork for future success by fielding an under 16 team.

Makedonia was formed in 1958 and played its first competition matches in the Provisional League.

The club's first ground was the No. 2 oval at Royal Park and the first officials were Peter Daniels, president; K. Kalinchev, secretary; George Malinov, treasurer, and G. Melichev and J. Spirov, both delegates to the Victorian Amateur Soccer Football Association.

Fielding only one senior team, Makedonia competed against Hollandia of St. Albans, Norlane Olympia of Geelong, Olympia 1956 of St. Albans, Trident of Ardeer, North Richmond, which had Dr. Jim Cairns as secretary, Seymour and Yarraville Bison.

In 1959, Bendigo and Melita of Williamstown joined the League, Norlane Olympia won the premiership and Makedonia finished seven points from the top, in fourth place.

The top four at the end of the season were Norlane Olympia 13 wins, three draws, two losses, 55 for, 26 against, and 29 points; North Richmond 11, 6, 1, 63:26, 28; Seymour 12, 3, 3, 48:21, 27, and Makedonia 10, 2, 6, 34:27, 22.

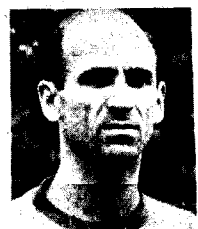
Peter Daniels, who was to become the longest serving official of the club, had taken over as secretary, B. Christovski as president and George Malinov remained treasurer.

The start of 1960 found Makedonia in Second Division South, following a re-organisation of leagues.

Under its new president, Vasil Malinov, Makedonia finished third behind Ferntree Gully and Frankston. The club's biggest win that season was 11-1 against Flinders Naval Depot and the heaviest defeat, 1-4 to Ferntree Gully.

Makedonia's steady

MAKEDONIA - past and present

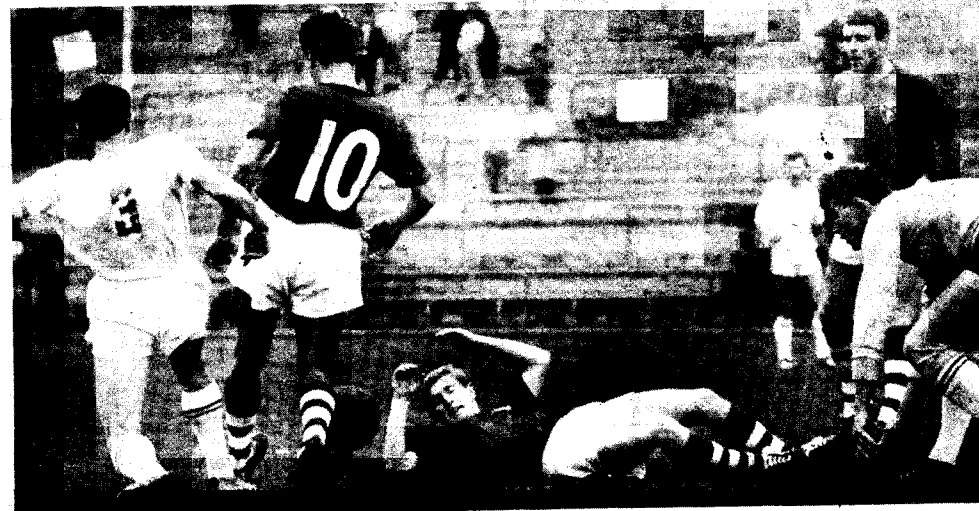


Picturescope on three of the men who have worn the Makedonia strip.

ABOVE: David Short, pictured aiming for the far post, played for Makedonia in 1967. He also played on the wing for Slavia.

LEFT: Captain-coach Slavko Datsevski, a former Yugoslavian international. Now 38, Slavko joined Makedonia in 1966 after terms

with Red Star, Varda and Tetex. **BELOW:** Half-back Ian Gow, who joined the club in 1966, caught flat on his back after falling near goal. Pen portraits of other Makedonia players at foot of page.



On the senior list...

Makedonia's senior players are:

LOU IVANOFF, 25: Goal-keeper, born in Australia and joined Makedonia in 1966 from Olympic Perth. **ARNOLD PEAT**, 25: Right-winger from Moreland, joined 1966. **KITO GROZDANOV**, 28: centre forward from Varda, Yugoslavia, who joined in 1966 and was top scorer

during Makedonia's 1967 State League season. **SLAVKO VELKOVSKI**, 23: Inside-left, from Yugoslavia, 1970. **MIKE STOJANOV**, 18: from Kingsville, 1970. **PAUL BARNA**, 26: Centre-half, joined 1964. **ANGE MARTINOV**, 22: Australia-born, has played for Makedonia since 1966. Injured in a car accident

recently and will miss early games this season. **VICTOR RISTOVICHIN**, 21: Left-back from juniors. **ANGE STAMBANIS**, 22: Left-winger, joined 1967 and promoted from reserves 1969. **LOU DIVALENTINA**, 27: Defender, ex-Juventus. Joined 1967, now making comeback after brief lay-off. **IVICA CESLYAR**, 24: Centre-forward, joined 1968.

SLAVKO DATSEVSKI, 38: Former Yugoslavian international, played for Varda, Red Star and Tetex. Joined 1964 and is player-coach this season. **IAN GOW**, 24: Half-back, joined 1966. **JOHN MORIHOUTIS**, 20: Defender, promoter from reserves. **CON ANGELOVSKI**, 20: Inside-left, promoted from reserves.

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Practice form looks promising

improvement bore fruit in 1961, when it won the Second Division South premier-ship with 30 points, from Oakleigh 28, Park Rangers 21, and Bayswater 20.

Now in First Division South, and with Collier Reserve, Preston, as its home ground, Makedonia slumped badly.

At the end of the season, the club was third last and was lucky to avoid relegation. The premier-ship was won by Richmond, with Austria second.

President during that year was V. Mojanov. The biggest win during 1962 was 4-1 against Trident and the biggest loss 0-4 to Richmond.

Makedonia improved two places on the ladder during 1963, finishing seventh. Triestina, which had been promoted the previous year, won the flag and stormed into State League.

Austria and Oakleigh both gave Makedonia its biggest hiding — 4-0 — while the Preston side managed its best performance against Geelong, winning 6-0.

In 1964, the Victorian Soccer Federation reformed the competitions into State League, First, Second, Third and Fourth Divisions.

To make up the First Division, the V.S.F. included the six top teams from the North and South Divisions — and so Makedonia gained a place.

Recruiting had greatly improved the team and with new presi-

dent J. Sapurmas backed by Daniels as secretary and Traianowski as treasurer, Makedonia finished second to Croatia, which won the premier-ship by 12 points.

Makedonia also did well in the Dockerty Cup that year, reaching the fifth round after beating Sunshine Heights 9-1, Flinders Naval Depot 4-0, Moreland 2-1 and Box Hill 2-0.

The team was finally beaten 6-2 by Hakoah. With L. Christov taking over from Daniels as secretary in 1965, Makedonia again came second, this time to Alexander.

There were only three points separating the two, and Makedonia lost less games than any other team in the League.

The biggest win that year was 7-0 against Sunshine City and the biggest defeat 0-1, by Box Hill, Dandenong and Alexander.

In 1966 Makedonia was determined to reach State League.

In a massive recruiting campaign, the club signed Datevsky, who had played for Varda and Red Star and who had represented Yugoslavia.

They also recruited goalkeeper Lou Ivanoff from Olympic in Perth, goalkeeper John Morkis from Polonia, centre-forward Kito Grozdanov, inside-right Boris Andonovski, half-back George Balkanov, Mitse Josifovski, from Yugoslavia and right-winger Arnold Peat, from Moreland.

But the club still had to battle. Makedonia



No mistaking the great Tommy Stankovic. He wore Makedonia colors in 1967.

and St. Albans had been neck and neck at the top of the ladder throughout the season, and as the last two games drew near, Makedonia were by no means safe.

St. Albans beat Makedonia 1-0 in the second last game and officials started to panic.

In a shock move, three Sydney First Division players were brought to Melbourne to play in the last game, against the strong Dandenong.

That did the trick. Makedonia won 2-0 and clinched the premier-ship on goal average from St. Albans, who had beaten the Preston team at both their encounters.

The top four that year were Makedonia 17, 3, 2, 54:10, 37; St. Albans 17, 3, 2, 56:19, 37; Box Hill 13, 1, 8, 42:26 and Moreland 12, 0, 10, 44:42, 24. To stay in State League, the club started another recruiting campaign, which yielded the great Tommy Stankovic, who was bought for more than

\$3000 from Footscray-J.U.S.T.

Among other newcomers were right-winger David Short from Slavia, right-back Wally Patterson from Juventus, forward Ian Currie from Juventus, centre-half George Cairns, and David Oxtan.

But the money was wasted. After a woe-ful season, during which they won only four games, Makedonia finished last and was relegated.

It was also a bad year for goalkeeper John Morkis, who broke his leg and was out of soccer for a long time.

Leading officials during the 1967 season were Bill Dimos, president; Cecil Steve, vice-president and John

Nedelkovski, secretary.

The season had drained Makedonia's funds and to get back on its feet, they had to sell a long list of players, including Stankovic and Cairns.

But in 1968 the club was still a force, finished third in First Division behind Box Hill and Dandenong.

The slump came last year when Makedonia finished eighth with only 19 points.

Now there's a new committee and new hope. Cecil Steve is president, Tom Banachyotis vice-president, Jimmy Antonopoulos secretary, Sam Shapardson, assistant secretary and Paul Velov, treasurer.

SOCCER'S DIRTY DEAL

● Cont. from Page 1

Now is the time for every soccer lover to ring and write to T.V. and radio stations, demanding their rights.

Let our daily press know how you feel about soccer's parsimonious coverage.

The "Age" gives a very small amount of space and the "Sun's" contribution is negligible.

Even the "Herald", the first paper to give soccer anything like a fair deal, has gradually reduced the content, and when space is limited soccer is the first sport to go.

"Newsday" heralded a new era and was giving plenty of space to the game. The approaching footy season has brought a considerably reduced content, though they give more space than any others.

All news media are failing in their responsibility to the sporting life of Australia's large migrant population.

This is the year of the

World Cup — the greatest sporting show on earth. Millions will watch the finals in Mexico, and countless millions more will see the drama and thrills on direct telecasts around the world.

Will Australia? Hundreds of soccer journalists from every country, large and small, will be there.

How many soccer journalists will Australia send?

Will Victoria send any? Soccer is your game... Australia is now your country.

It is a country that screams to the world about giving everyone a "fair go" ... but denies it to soccer.

As new citizens of this great country you have every right to demand justice for soccer, the only truly international sport.

"Soccer News" will not let this matter drop. Make sure you don't.

★ SOCCER SIDELINES

Melbourne, who have already signed five new players this season expect another couple to arrive in the next two or three weeks.

They are Gareth Yaar, a 22-year-old winger who played with Glentoran, Ballymena and Distillery in Northern Ireland, and Bela Pinter, a 20-year-old forward who, although Hungarian, has been playing in Yugoslavian soccer.

Yaar, married, with one child, worked with the Ministry of Defence in Ireland, while Pinter was a university student.

★ ★ ★ Sydney's Ampol Cup winners, APLA, will be without two key men when they play South Melbourne Hellas, the Victorian Ampol Cup winners, in the first leg of the Inter-City Final in Sydney this Sunday.

Australian-born centre forward Ernie Campbell, who has been a prolific scorer this season, broke his arm at work recently and will be off for six weeks, while former Australian captain Pat Hughes is likely to be on the sidelines for four weeks with torn knee ligaments.

Two members of the APLA line-up have more than 20 years' service with the club between them. They are wing-halves Hughes and Filippo Boffalico, the only Italian left in the side.

★ ★ ★ Sandy Jones, who recently returned to Slavia, spent 10 months in South Africa playing with Port Elizabeth in the South African professional league. Sandy is now a fully qualified accountant.

★ ★ ★ Will Vic Janczyk, the former Juventus coach, make a quick re-entry into the game? Recently, at Schintler Reserve, Footscray, Vic was seen in deep conversation with the president of a State League club.

No names, no pack-drill at the moment. It may just have been a friendly chat.

George Cross, who were all set to sign South Melbourne Hellas player Andrew Roussis, have now dropped their interest in the centre-half.

Roussis has not been seen in the South Melbourne colors for some time.

★ ★ ★ Metropolitan League side Brighton are having a new pavilion built and a new pitch laid out by Brighton City Council. Both should be ready in time for the start of next season.

★ ★ ★ Billy Kerr, who was on loan to Altona last season, has now returned to Slavia.

★ ★ ★ Albion Rovers reckon they have made a great capture in Hugh Rafferty, a linkman who arrived late last year from Ayrshire junior soccer.

★ ★ ★ It seems likely that Billy McArthur, the transfer-listed Croatia wing-half who has not kicked a ball for the club this season in competitive soccer, will be back in their line-up soon.

★ ★ ★ Geoff Gould, the South Melbourne-Hellas winger, missed the game against J.U.S.T. because of a toe injury. J.U.S.T. meet George Cross in a friendly match this Saturday at Schintler Reserve, Footscray.

★ ★ ★ Rene Van Zeist reappeared for Lions against Juventus after having been out of action since late last season through injury.

Bryan Thomson, the Juventus centre-forward, became the first player to record a hat-trick this season in League soccer when he rattled on three against Lions.

Thomson, who joined Juventus early last year, played for Elgin City in the Scottish Highland League.

Makedonia's record

1958: Started in Provisional League.
1959: Fourth in Provisional League. Re-organisation of competition put Makedonia in Second Division South.
1960: Third in Second Division South.
1961: Second Division South premiers, promoted to First Division South.
1962: 10th in First Division South.

1963: 7th in First Division South.
1964: Another re-organisation put Makedonia in new First Division, and finished second to Croatia.
1965: Second in First Division to Alexander.
1966: First Division premiers, promoted to State League.
1967: Last in State League, relegated to First Division.
1968: Third in First Division.
1969: 8th in First Division.

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IT'S GOODBYE TO JOE

Now that his contract with the A.S.F. has ended and his position as national coach is to be advertised, it's obvious that Joe Vlasits (right) has come to the end of the road as far as his connections with the national team are concerned.

For it's unlikely that Joe would apply for a position which he has virtually been relieved of.

I reckon it's only fitting that Vlasits, the coach of the Australian side in their triumphant tournament win in Saigon and the man who so nearly got the national side to the World Cup Finals in Mexico, should be given some accolade. The A.S.F. at their recent A.G.M. in Melbourne either forgot or conveniently failed to thank him in the masses of reports.

— Mel Vasey.



Soccer gets blast from Lou

—by Joe Major—

Lou Brocic this week blasted the lawlessness of Victorian soccer after he had resigned last Thursday as coach of South Melbourne Hellas.

Brocic, who has coached the national teams of Yugoslavia and New Zealand, as well as top European First Division clubs, was replaced on Friday with former Polonia, Victoria and Juventus coach Vic Janczyk.

Brocic said this week, "My resignation had to do with what happened during the replay of the Ampol Cup final."

During that game, he replaced Hellas captain Boulis Kamboropoulos with Ulysses Kokkinos.

In protest, Kamboropoulos threw his guernsey and boots onto the playing field, and incited the crowd.

One spectator hit Brocic.

"The way Kamboropoulos behaved was the greatest possible insult a club can be given," said Brocic.

"During my many years in soccer, I have never seen anything like it.

"Football should be a school of character and loyalty. Here it is not."

Kamboropoulos was fined only \$20 by the State League tribunal. Hellas fined him \$100 and suspended him for two weeks.

"I wonder what would have happened to me had we lost?" said Brocic, "I would have been in hospital with broken bones.

"But the club didn't consider this at all. The player was suspended for only two weeks.

"And I am still trying to understand the decision of the Tribunal.

"In future, I would not put Kamboropoulos in the team and the crowd would riot against me.

"If I were to substitute another Greek player, the crowd would attack me.

"I am a coach and it is my job to pick a team and make substitutions but under the circumstances I feel I could not do my job freely.

"I have resigned as a matter of principle.



Boulis Kamboropoulos during a game against Slavia.

"A club should fully support its coach. Without this, there is no purpose.

"I believe the coach should stand for something and he should believe in something.

"If you are too lax, you invite trouble and there will be a lot more trouble at Hellas."

Brocic said he had no plans at the moment but would definitely look for another club.

He has the same qualifications as F.I.F.A. coach Dettmar Cramer and is a graduate of the Yugoslavian State Institute of Physical Culture and Sport.

Hellas' new coach, Vic Janczyk was one of the greatest players ever seen in Victoria.

In Poland, he played for L.K.S. Lodz and represented his country once as an A international and 10 times as a B international.

He was brought to Australia by Polonia, where he became captain-coach.

He was also captain-coach of Victoria in 1964, 65 and 66.

His other coaching appointment was with Juventus, which he left a few weeks ago.

Janczyk, 39, said this week Hellas had approached him last year but he had not been able to accept the job because of his commitment to Juventus.

After watching his new team perform against Footscray J.U.S.T. on Sunday, Janczyk said:

"There are a hell of a lot of little things that are marred Hellas' performances.

"They often seem too casual in defence and players relax too much when they are on top, instead of pressing the point.

"I don't want to help our opponents with our own mistakes."



The power of Vic Janczyk during his playing days (see above).

New blood vital to Victoria

Victoria must wake up and the team manager and selector John Barclay must shake up and change the formation to oppose N.S.W. at Middle Park on Sunday.

For after a weird and woe-ful display against a South Australian side composed mostly of players of the younger generation, it's obvious the current Vic. line-up has outlived their usefulness.

We have too many players in the Vic. side living on past reputations and who now seem capable of playing "slow motion" soccer.

We must bring in some new blood in an effort to bring more imagination

into the side and especially players who are capable of speeding up the game.

For too long now Victoria have been playing an unsuccessful stereotyped game with the emphasis on defence — slow-motion soccer at it's worst.

The crowds are beginning to dwindle at our representative games. And no wonder.

For the fare the Vic. team has served up of late is a sure way of keeping the fans away.

Second rate

It seems likely that N.S.W. will once again send a second XI to oppose Vic.

But don't believe that this will mean an easy afternoon and a sure-fire win for Victoria.

For the N.S.W. second XI came here last year after their first team had thrashed us in Sydney and forced us to a 2-2 draw.

Today the N.S.W. under-study team is much better than the one which held us in 1969.

Victoria must drop several big names and include Bryan Thomson, the Juventus centre, who is doing the job he is supposed to do with Juventus — score goals.

Lowest ebb

State soccer is at its lowest ebb in Victoria for years. And the blame must lie fairly and squarely on the shoulders of the players who have let us down.

N.S.W. State Soccer coach Frank Arok has pruned his likely squad for Victoria.

It will probably be Rorke, Kelly, Wilson, Harcombe, Rootseys, Roach, Campbell, Xipolitas, Yaeger, Rooney, Telfer, Keddie, Montgomery, Manual, Armytage, Griffiths, Danajevits, McCullum.

SOCCER QUIZ

By Alistair Cook

A weekly feature which will not only test your memory, but also rack your brains. Score ten out of ten — and you're a genius. Score five or ten — and you're a soccer marvel.

If you can top the halfway mark, class yourself as good. But if you answer less than three correctly, it's time you brushed up your knowledge of your favorite game by buying Soccer News regularly.

Here we go . . .

1. Name the secretary of the Australian Soccer Federation.
2. Which countries do the following World stars play for — Uwe Seeler, Sandra Mazzola, Johann Cruyff, Dragan Dzajic.
3. How many Victorian clubs have won the Australian Cup?
4. The player-coach of Metro side Albion Rovers played for Victoria and Australia. Who is he?
5. Who was the referee who abandoned the Slavia v. Hakoah league match?
6. Two big soccer events take place in Britain on April 11. What are they?
7. Who won the night soccer competition in 1962?
8. In the 1962 World Cup Finals in Chile the play-off for third place resulted in Yugoslavia being beaten 1-0. Who beat them?
9. Melbourne have only one player currently figuring in their side who was a member of their 1967 Australian cup-winning side. Who is he?
10. One of the modern techniques and tactics of soccer was pioneered by the Leeds United manager Don Revie when he was a player. What was it?

Now turn to Page 10 for your answers.



Just a drab draw

Victoria disappointed the 2500 crowd at Olympic Park, on Easter Monday, with a drab 2-2 draw.

Victoria's superior craft should have had this game sewn up in the first 20 minutes.

Their skilful approach often bewildered South Australia.

Only pathetically slow and inept finishing, combined with Roger Romanowicz's brilliance in the visitors' goal, kept the score sheet clean.

A tragic midfield error by Alistair Scott led directly to South Australia taking a 25-minute lead.

A good interchange of passing left Pick Panteles with a yawning, empty goal to tap the ball into.

The visitors led 1-0 at the interval against the general run of play.

After 64 minutes Victoria were shocked to find themselves two down.

Alec Zermas, South Australia's left winger and one of the best players on view, coolly sidestepped Roseweir and Scott before leaving Jack Reilly helpless.

It was left to Billy Vojtek to

VOJTEK GOALS SAVE FACE

salvage some of Victoria's prestige with two typical long, hard drives which found the net, within the space of three minutes.

South Australia never gave up trying. They challenged every ball and looked generally fitter than the home players.

Roger Romanowicz and Nick Pantelis were outstanding for the visitors, with John Perrin, Billy Birch and Roy Burdett putting in more than useful performances.

For Victoria, only George Kinnell, Jack Goodwin and Billy Vojtek gave worthwhile performances. Tommy McCall and Jack Reilly were not far behind.

is not given sufficient time with them to do it.

Victoria is at an all-time low as far as first-class players are concerned. Where have we the Billy Cooks, Tommy Randles, Vero Mladenovics, Vic Janczyks, etc.?

Up-and-coming junior talent is sorely needed, as also are a few top-class imports.

We have too much mediocre talent. Players who don't seem to regard a berth in the State team as a supreme honor. This applies to some club committees, as well.

A much-improved performance will be required if we are to provide worthwhile opposition to New South Wales next Sunday.

The curtain-raiser, billed as under 12s, was little short of a disgrace.

A brave little bunch of genuine under 12 youngsters from Mor-

By **GEORGE YELLAND**

well were thrashed 14-0 by last year's State under 12 side.

A number of these boys are over 13. Surely a more even contest could have been arranged.

The crowd love watching youngsters but one-sided contests like this do nothing for the youngsters, the crowd or the game.

More thought must be given to the next junior curtain-raiser.

Boys in action

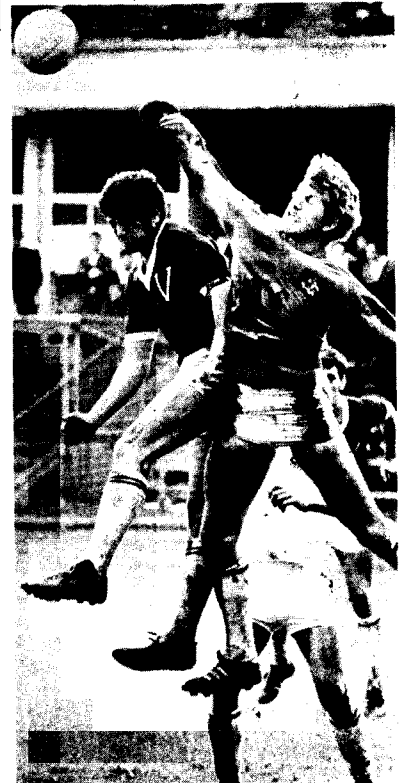
Before the Victoria-New South Wales game at Middle Park on Sunday the State under 16 side will meet a combined Technical and High Schools team.

Coach Ian Pethrick announced the following 16 players to form the State squad:—

P. Ferranti (George Cross), A. Albert (Hakoah), P. Cutajar (George Cross), R. Plumb (Mooroolbark), I. McNaughton (Hakoah), I. Young (Doveton), A. Boyington (Karingal), G. Melitis (Yarraville), J. Allen (Wilhelmina), M. Spiteri (Sunshine City), A. Seramidis (Hakoah), F. Mussels (Sunshine City), J. Lucchesi (Waverley), J. Toplek (Doncaster), S. La Rocca (Juventus), F. Tarquini (Juventus).

All players are to report at the Aughtie Drive gate of Middle Park Stadium at 12.15 p.m. sharp on Sunday. Any player unable to attend must ring Mr. Pethrick on 393-1944 no later than 9 a.m. Sunday.

Two goalkeepers in action . . . South Australian Roger Romanowicz (above left) gathers the ball watched by team-mate Nick Kefaloudes. Zoraja (Vic.) takes a tumble. Victorian keeper Jack Reilly (above right) deflects the ball wide of his goal.



Another flying save as South Australian goalkeeper Roger Romanowicz just manages to punch clear from Victorian attacker Ulyses Kokkinos.



Victorians watch grim-faced as South Australia lead 2-0 . . . they are, from left, Utjesnovic, Kastner, Smart, Rodgers, Rice, Lou Lazzari (masseur) and coach Zvonimir Rasic.

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Taffy's Tips for the AFTER THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW?

Top dividends in the Treble Chance Pools for Saturday will be peanuts — there was a glut of drawn games, in fact almost three times as many as the previous week.

Total number of scoring Draws was 17, plus four score-less ones, and they were well spread out over the lists of matches to make the perm. punters very happy. When the perm. punters are happy, down goes the pay-out prize money.

Here is the break-up of the Draws — SIX in the First Division, TWO in the Second, FIVE in the Third, THREE in the Fourth, and FIVE in the Scottish First Division.

Here are the dividends in sterling currency for Saturday, March 21, when there were only SEVEN scoring Draws and SIX score-less ones. You will notice Vernons paid out on 23 points, and Littlewoods 22 points on their respective Treble Chance Pools:

LITTLEWOODS

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Three Draws: 32s. Nine Results: 12s. Four Aways: 88s.

VERNONS

Treble Chance Pool: 23 points, £51,550 for farthing; 22 points, £437 8s.; 21

points, £19 5s.; 20 points, £1 3s.

Twelve Match Results Pool: 12 correct, £2,044 for 2d.; 11 correct, £19 16s.; 10 correct, 16s.

Three Draws: 28s.

Eight Results: 16s.

Four Aways: 88s.

Simple Six: 52s.

And now we come to our own local Soccer for next Saturday week, when all States except Tasmania are represented on the coupons, and once again Victorian matches have the largest number of games featured on the lists of Saturday football.

Here is a list of the final positions of the top three teams in order in all States as they finished last season:—

Vic. State League — J.U.S.T., Juventus, Wilhelmina.

Div. 1 — Alexandra,

Kellor, Ringwood.

Div. 2 — Prahran,

Richmond, Ajax.

Div. 3 — Hercules,

Brighton, St. Kilda.

Div. 4 — Mooroolbark,

I.C.I., Newport.

N.S.W. North, Div. 1.

— Hamilton, Newcastle,

Adamstown.

Federation, Div. 1. —

South Coast, Budapest,

Hakoah.

Div. 2. — Marconi,

Bankstown, Western.

Queensland, Div. 1. —

Hellenic, Hollandia, Az-

zurri.

POOLS

Div. 2. — Latrobe, Wynnum, Annerley.

South Aust., Div. 1. —

Hellas, Croatia, Juventus.

Div. 2. — Port Adelaide,

Cumberland, Para Hills.

Western Aust. State

League. — Azzurri, Tri-

colore, Cracovia.

Div. 2. — Perth City,

Cockburn, Caledonians.

Div. 2. — Croatia,

Queen's Park, Scar-

borough.

Hope the above will be

a help in selecting a win-

ning line.

But then a week later

Vernons coupons, on

April 18, go back to Eng-

lish and Scottish Soccer.

Of course the reason is

that because of the English

and Scottish Cup Finals

there are no League

matches played on Cup

Finals Day.

And to make up the

matches for the lists the

Pools firms are using our

games out here.

By the way, my selec-

tions for the Cups are

CHELSEA and CELTIC

to win their respective

trophies.

And now for NEXT

SATURDAY WEEK,

April 11, the following lot

should win at Home for

the stake saving plan:—

TWELVE RESULTS

• Luton Town,

• Apia (N.S.W.),

• Hollandia (Q.),

• Annerley (Q.),

• Dandenong,

• Kellor,

• Prahran,

• Athenia,

• Ballarat,

• St. Kilda,

• Corio,

• Newport,

• South Yarra,

• Juventus (S.A.),

• Para Hills (S.A.),

• Azzurri (W.A.),

• Caledonian (W.A.),

• Croatia (W.A.).

FOUR AWAYS

South Coast (Q.),

• J.U.S.T.,

• Frankston,

• Ringwood,

• Helvetic,

• Monash,

• Elizabeth (S.A.).

THREE DRAWS

Corinthians v.

Artarmon (N.S.W.),

Sth. Melb. Hellas v.

Wilhelmina,

Brighton v.

Sandringham

For the first week on our

local matches try the fol-

lowing for those elusive

eight draws:

TREBLE CHANCE

POOLS

• Corinthians v.

• Artarmon (N.S.W.),

• Oxley v. Morton (Q.),

• South Coast v.

• Easts (Q.),

• South Melb. Hellas v.

• Wilhelmina,

• Box Hill v. Altona,

• Springvale v.

• Makedonia,

• Ajax v. Hercules,

• Brighton v.

• Sandringham,

• Glenroy v. Olympic,

• Hellas v.

• Croatia (S.A.),

• Polonia v.

• Victoria (S.A.),

• Malta v.

• Broken Hill (S.A.),

• Cracovia v.

• Tricolore (W.A.),

• Kiev v.

• Perth City (W.A.).

• Indicates best selections.

World round-up

Target Europe!

If you want to get ahead, get into Europe!

AND ALL THANKS TO FIFA

That's the catch phrase in world soccer today when clubs of almost every nation on the Continent and in Britain are falling over themselves to win their local league competitions or their national cup tournament so that they are assured of taking part in one of Europe's three top competitions — the European Cup, European Cup Winners' Cup or the Inter-Cities Fairs' Cup.

F.I.F.A. started the European soccer race back in 1904 with the object of controlling the game on an international basis and

seeing it was played in all countries under the same code of rules.

Although there are still the occasional rows about the interpretation of the rules, F.I.F.A. has made soccer a global game. Switzerland, France, Switzer-

land and the Netherlands originated the idea of F.I.F.A. and, with Sweden and Spain, they held the first meeting in Paris on May 21, 1904.

Scotland, Ireland and Wales were admitted in 1910 and, although the United Kingdom associations have twice ceased membership, the breaches have been healed and they have been re-admitted.

One of the most important functions of F.I.F.A. is its control over the movement of players from one member country to another. No player can transfer without permission of the Federation.

This rule, violated by Australia some years ago and which cost the A.S.F. a packet for re-entry, prevents the poaching of valuable players without fee.

In 1952 it was suggested that the Football Associations of the various European countries should form themselves into a group and the European Union of Football Associations (E.U.F.A.) came into being in July, 1954.

The union is a special group under the auspices of F.I.F.A. All members are affiliated to F.I.F.A. with the object of ensuring a closer liaison among the European associations.

The success of all three European competitions in prestige, cash and as a means of bringing all the countries closer together speaks for itself.

For today, to be in the top flight in Europe means to be in the top flight in world soccer.

As a temporary measure since the sacking of Argentine-born coach Luis Carniglia, Juventus Soccer Club in Italy have been under the guidance of star winger Gianpiero Boniperti.

Tipped as the permanent boss of Juventus is Ferruccio Valcareggi, the present selector-coach of the Italian national side.

Wales already has an England (Mike) in their side. Now they have added another most up-Welsh name to their international squad — Richard Kryzwicki, of West Brom.

Richards' father was a soldier in the Polish Army who settled in Flintshire, Wales, after the last war.

Anderlecht, of Belgium, have 10 internationals on their books — all vying for first team places.

Five are Belgians, two are Dutch, plus one each from Denmark, Switzerland and Sweden.

Jim Muir, of Motherwell, is the tallest winger in British professional soccer. Muir, who is called "Jumbo" by his team-mates, tops the 6 ft. 2 in. mark.

Cups near decision

The climax of both the European Cup and the European Cup-Winners Cup are in sight, with the first leg of the semi-finals in both competitions due to have been played last night and the return games scheduled for April 15.

The draws are:

EUROPEAN CUP: Leeds United v. Celtic, Legia Warsaw v. Feyenoord.

EUROPEAN CUP — WINNERS CUP: Manchester City v. Schalke 04, A.S. Roma v. Gornik Zabrze.

Leeds and Celtic are disappointed they have to clash in the semi-final of the European Cup as both had hoped to steer clear of one another and make it an all-British final.

Legia Warsaw, who

usually field at least three Polish international players in their side, will battle it out with Feyenoord, who hope to go one better than fellow-countrymen Ajax, beaten in the 1969 European Cup final by AC Milan.

SURPRISE

In the Cup-Winners' semi-finals, Manchester City, the 1969 English F.A. Cup winners, meet surprise packet Schalke, of West Germany, while A.S. Roma,



Millwall goalkeeper Brian King goes up to save during a recent English Second Division floodlit clash between Millwall and relegation-bound Aston Villa. Watching anxiously are Millwall players Barry Kitchener (left), Gordon Bolland and Keith Weller.



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"World of Sport" man has his say

Sir,
Good newspapers tell their readers ALL the facts when presenting a story. A reader usually expects to find the answers to three questions — Who? Why? Where?

It appears your reporter (who prefers to remain anonymous) in writing his report on Stuart Beaton's dismissal from HSV7's World of Sport Sunday program, failed to say who had replaced him. Was this an oversight on his part following the criticism about the "new face"? If so, it's time the Victorian Federation were more discriminating with their employees—after all, they do foot the bill for Soccer News.

For the record, I would like to complete the unfinished story in your last issue. I have replaced Mr Beaton on HSV7, no easy task I can assure you. I'm there because I'm a Herald staff man. As HSV7 is the only TV Channel in Melbourne at present giving Soccer a few minutes of its precious time, I think the least you can do Sir, as Editor of the only Soccer paper in Melbourne, is to show some small appreciation to this wonderful gesture by Ron Casey, the compere, and the HSV7 management.

I too have done much for the sport during my 15 years in Melbourne. I was publicity officer for the VSF for two years from 1960, compered a Soccer radio program on Satur-

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

day nights on 3KZ for three years and was editor of Soccer News for nearly a decade. For three of these years I footed the bill myself for the paper and was responsible for establishing it in the book-stalls not only in Melbourne but throughout Victoria as well as Hobart, Sydney and Adelaide.

—Fred Villiers, 20 Kelvin-side St., North Balwyn.
The author of the Stuart Beaton story — George Yelland — had no desire to be anonymous, as can be seen from the style in which the story was written. The omission of his name occurred accidentally during production. — Editor.

England's oldest club

Sir,
I wish to point out an error of fact regarding Notts. County as reported by you in Club Corner,

March 12th issue of Soccer News.

Notts County, formed 1862, is indeed the oldest Club in the English Football League, but the honour of being the oldest Soccer Club still functioning surely goes to amateur Club, Sheffield (1857).

It was around this Club that the old Sheffield Association was formed, basing its rules on that of the Cambridge University Foot Ball Club.

Incidentally, Aussie Rules club, Melbourne Cricket Club Football Club, to give it its full title, was formed in 1857 by W. T. Wills, and he too based the game of Aussie Rules on Cambridge Rules.

—D. Coggan, Yallourn.

Pix, please

Sir,
I am an Italian football photo collector, and I should be very obliged to you if you would kindly let me have a photo of your team. I thank you in advance and I wish you many and many football triumphs.

—G. Foresti, Via Cadamosto 34, 41012 Carpi (MO), Italy.

This letter was received by the V.S.F. Any clubs interested in responding to Mr Foresti's request should send their pictures direct to him.



More
pix
from
Vic-
S.A.
game

Left — Jack Reilly (V. goalie) collects the ball over the head of Joe Serafini (S.A. striker).

Below — Frank Micic and a South Australian attack raise the spray in a mid-field duel.

HELLAS HAVE TOUGH JOB

South Melbourne Hellas, the 1970 Ampol Cup winners, carry the Victorian banner across the border into New South Wales on Sunday when they clash with APIA in Sydney in the first leg of the Inter-City Ampol Cup Final.

This will not only be an acid test for Hellas, but it is also a big responsibility they have to carry, in view of the widely acknowledged differential in the standard of play between clubs in the two States, which at present favors the top teams in N.S.W.

I saw APIA in action a few weeks back. They are a polished side with probably the most professional outlook of all teams in Australian soccer. They are not an elaborate "systems" side, preferring to play the game mostly along orthodox lines. But they make every move into their own half of the field, and into "enemy" territory, count, with each and every player knowing exactly what is expected of him and carrying out the old maxim that it's goals which count.

However, they have weaknesses both in their line-up and set-up.

Sambrook at centre half, towering giant that he may be, is neither decisive in the air nor on the ground when he is closely policed.

And the APIA wingers, Blues and Montgomery, good as they may be, rely largely on pin split passes from wing halves Hughes and Bottalico, or individual bursts of speed rather than individual traits.

Slow off the mark at the first whistle, and usually taking 10 minutes to warm up and settle down, APIA can be the target for lightning thrusts and bursts by the opposition in this period.

This is a stage where Hellas should try to make a quick breakthrough if they hope to upset the odds against them. Rorke, Keith and Ackerley form a formidable last line of defence.

Veterans Hughes and Bottalico, with vast experience in top-grade Australian soccer, are still ranked among the best wing halves in the country and belie their age, as they consistently turn in better than average performances regularly.

Sambrook, despite his misgivings, is dominant, especially when he has plenty of time to clear.

Wingers Blues and Montgomery are fast and dangerous, inside forward McKinnon is the schemer of the attack as well as being a worthwhile striker, Forster is a tearaway type who is always dangerous, while Campbell at centre forward is now a revelation, and twice the player he was a year ago.

South Melbourne Hellas, despite the imposing

record of APIA in Australian soccer and their formidable line-up, should not face them with an inferiority complex or trepidation.

As both sides are mainly composed of British free transfer men, the difference between them as individuals is virtually nil in ability and skill.

However, APIA are likely to have a pull in fitness, dedication and teamwork — three important factors in deciding any game.

Likely line-ups—
APIA: Rorke, Keith, Ackerley, Hughes, Sambrook, Bottalico, Blues, Forster, Campbell, McKinnon, Montgomery. Reserves: McGillivray, Drum.

S.M. HELLAS: Stephens, Kelly, Kriaris, Bedford, Walker, High, Gorrice, Kokkinos, Armstrong, Ackerley, Gould. Reserves: Kamboropolous, Augar.

SYDNEY RESULTS

1st League Round:
Canterbury Marrickville, 1 (Welton), APIA (Forster), 1.

Pan Hellenic, 2 (Smith, Hardy), Melita Eagle, 0. South Coast United, 3 (McAvoy, Tristram, Peachey), Marconi-Fairfield, 1 (Griffith).

Hakoah, 7 (Bartz, 4, Keddie, 2, Rutherford), Auburn, 1 (Quested).

St. George Budapest, 3 (Warren, Alston, Abonyi), Prague, 1 (Butler).

Croatia v. Yugal. Cancelled because of brawling.



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Brian Le Fèvre.
2. Seeler (West Germany), Mazzola (Italy), Cruyff (Holland), Dzajic (Yugoslavia).
3. Three (Slavia, George Cross, Melbourne).
4. Tony Vella.
5. Jim Dixon.
6. The English and Scottish Cup Finals.
7. Wilhelmmina.
8. Chile.
9. Alistair Scott.
10. Deep centre game.

BOX HILL THRASH UNI.

Metropolitan League
with
GEORGE YELLAND

Sixteen games were scheduled, but only 15 were played in the Dockerty Cup second preliminary round on Saturday.

The abandoned first round tie between Albion Rovers and Springvale was replayed.

Fourteen clubs are through to the third round, Brighton and Eltham have to play again, following their 4-4 draw, and Springvale meet Preston Makedonia in their delayed tie, at a later date.

Box Hill overwhelmed Melbourne University, scoring eleven goals without reply, and creating a club record in the process.

New signing Don Hodgson, from George Cross, played a dual striker role with Peter Craig.

They each scored two goals and kept the University defence at full stretch.

The landslide started in the seventh minute, when a confused defence conceded an own goal.

Half-time found the Hillites with a winning, four-goal lead.

In the second half seven more were added.

Left winger Jimmy Coles and midfield player Grant McGregor scored two each. Norman Voce and John Wilkes notched the others.

Although facing only Fourth Division opposition, Box Hill played combined, intelligent soccer.

Jimmy McCracken, John Wilkes and Jimmy Coles were outstanding in a team without a weak link.

Goalkeeper Eldred, beaten 11 times, was outstanding for University. But for him Box Hill would have run up a cricket score.

Great cost

Altona City pipped Sunshine City by the odd goal of three at Sunshine and move into round three, but at great cost.

In separate accidents Jimmy Baylish broke his collarbone and star goalkeeper Roberts broke his leg.

Baylish, signed by Albion from Slavia, met with his accident late in the first half.

Roberts broke his leg in a collision late in the game, as he went for a high ball.

Altona went to an early lead through Steve Herman and hung on to it through this rugged cup tie until late in the second half, when Peter Hill equalised.

Extra time was played, and the tempo of the game never relaxed.

Five minutes of the extra period remained

when Frankie Loughran, late of Coburg, slammed in the winner for Altona.

Sunshine are coached by Bobby Pocock, brother of Melbourne striker Ray Pocock.

Bobby broke a wrist last year in a Federation Cup game against Green Gully Ajax.

He has since had it broken and reset.

He hopes to resume playing in the new League season.

Division difference

Dandenong City crushed Croydon 7-0, the game reflecting the difference between first and third division football. John Rogan opened the scoring after only eight minutes.

Peter Lowen then went

followed by methodical, high-pressure soccer from a workmanlike Springvale in the second period, which left Albion well beaten.

As in the Eltham-Brighton game, no official referee turned up.

Something must be done to ensure that important games like these are controlled by official appointees.

Fortunately the substitute referees did good jobs on both games.

In the remaining ties, second division Coburg were surprised by last season's fourth division champions, Mooroolbark.

Another fourth division side, North Carlton Olympic, defeated last year's first division wooden-spooners, Maribyrnong

will take place at Preston, where the tough Makedonia side face last season's runners-up.

Keilor City are a polished, purposeful combination and should win.

Richmond, the other promoted side, play Elwood Austria.

Both sides play a similar brand of soccer, but I think the more experienced Elwood side will emerge winners.

Should win

Ringwood United take on Dandenong City, and the result could go either way.

If Ringwood can blot out Peter Lowen they should win.

Dandenong have set their sights on State League and must get away to a good start. I think they may just pull it off.

St. Albans v. Box Hill should be a beauty. The Hillmen expect Alan Dewar, ex-George Cross, and Tommy McPherson to be available.

Newcomer from Scotland is winger David Cameron, who played with Rob Roy Kirkintilloch.

He and Bobby McKenna, from Windmills, Western Australia, are both awaiting clearances.

Box Hill's all-round strength and experience should prove too much for St. Albans.

Sunshine City and Altona City continue their battle at Sunshine.

In view of their unfortunate accidents last week, Altona will be weakened and Sunshine should win this time.

In Division Two likely winners are Albion Rovers, Frankston City, Princes Park, Hercules Coburg, Waverley and Yallourn.

Division Three likely winners are Ballarat, Mooroolbark, St. Kilda, East Melbourne Helvetic, Western Suburbs I.C.I. and Croydon.

Division Four will have some good battles, with several very evenly balanced games.

Likely winners are Corio, Eltham, Mornington, Monash University, North Carlton Olympic and University of Melbourne.

Ring results and reports to George Yelland, 459-1605, between 6 and 10 p.m. Saturday or Sunday.

Altona pair break bones

on to complete the scoring by cracking home a double hat-trick.

A prolific scorer last season, Lowen has got away to a flying start and will prove a thorn in the sides of many First Division defences in 1970.

Eltham provided one of the shocks of the round by holding the powerful Brighton side to a four-all draw. Micky Lister (11 minutes) and Greg Szepaniak (39 minutes) gave Eltham a shock, 2-0 lead at the interval.

In the 52nd minute goalkeeper Crampsey misjudged the ball and allowed Brighton to reduce the arrears.

Eltham came again and Micky Lister restored their two-goal advantage.

Brighton turned on the heat and goals at 74, 80 and 85 minutes put them one ahead.

Two minutes from time big John Scott moved up to head a great goal from a corner kick.

The teams remained locked at 4-4 after extra time and will replay at Brighton.

Brightons' goal-scorers were H. Richmond 2, D. Rodwell and P. Bolton. Their best players were E. Gibb, G. Hay and H. Richmond.

John Lee, John Scott and Tony Tunstall were outstanding for Eltham.

Decisive win

In spite of a spirited performance by Albion Rovers, Springvale decisively beat them by 4-1.

An even first half was

Triestina, 3-1 in extra time.

Another hard game was the Corio battle with Green Gully Ajax.

Ajax scraped home by the odd goal in five, but only after extra time was played.

Park Rangers, sadly short of players, could not field a side and Yallourn received a walk-over.

Clayton scored the only goal in a great tussle with Bayswater.

Clear wins were registered by Western Suburbs, St. Albans, Prahran, Elwood Austria, Ringwood United and Keilor City.

Full program

The Metropolitan season opens with a full program on Saturday.

Early-season form is difficult to assess, largely because few clubs disclose their close season team-building and prospects.

The First Division opens with six cracking games.

Last season's Division Two champions, Prahran, take on a lively Springvale with the outcome anyone's guess.

Another tough battle

He's the youngest

The youngest skipper in the English First Division is Mike Docherty, of Burnley — the son of none other than controversial Tommy Docherty, now manager of Oporto in Portugal.

Mike, only 19, will never play for Scotland if he makes the international grade, unlike his dad. For he was born in Preston (Lancashire) while Tom was playing for Preston North End.

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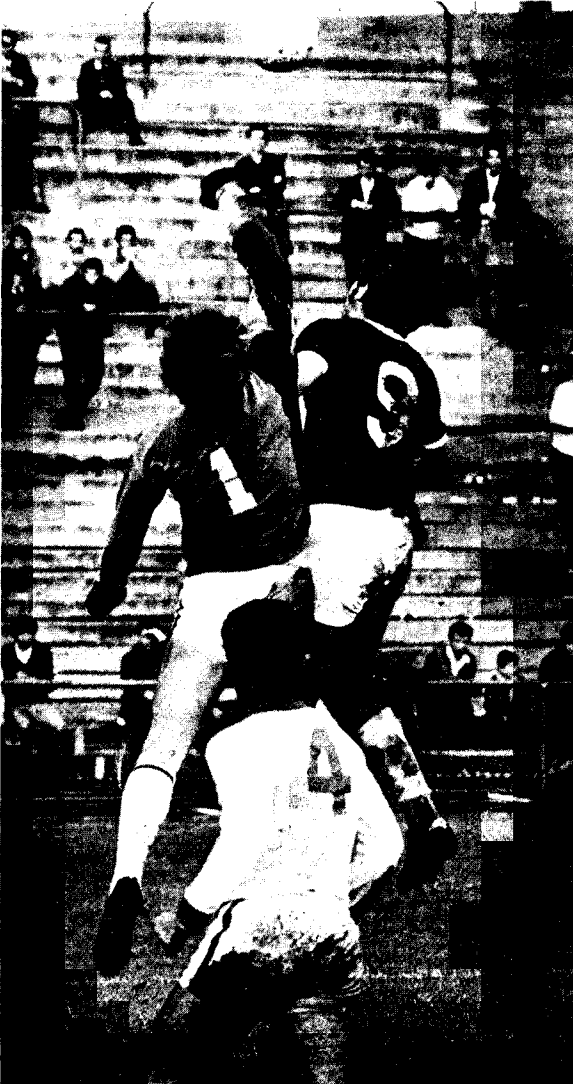
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Roger Romanowicz punches clear as Zoraja (Victoria) jumps to head the ball. Lucas Kousada (South Australia No. 4) covers his goal.

Below: Ulysses Kokkinos (Victoria) beats John Perrin (South Australia) in a heading duel.



District League grows to 44 clubs in four years

With the opening round scheduled to kick-off on Sunday week, April 12, it is worth noting that in the space of four years the District League has graduated from a single division outfit to its present state — a four division body with 44 member clubs, plus a 12 team Reserve League annexed to Premier Division.

The coming decade will see the league progress still further, and gain the recognition it so richly deserves.

Because the District League comes under the same hierarchy as the State League and then the Metropolitan League, it will ever outgrow either of the senior bodies. Nor was it ever intended that it should, for the league was formed in 1966 as "The Provisional League" and although it changed its name the following year it is still essentially a "provisional" league in which a club's record is examined when the opportunity of promotion to the Metropolitan League arises.

Clubs which have risen through this system in the past are Clayton — now a third division side — Monash University and Eltham, currently in the fourth division.

TOP DIVISION

With many clubs poised to follow their example, the league's management committee has introduced a Premier Division this year, containing 12 clubs, any one of which would make their presence felt if given the opportunity in higher competition.

The dozen clubs which form the Premier Division are Ardeer, Chadstone, Fawkner, Fitzroy, Frankston Pines, Hawksburn, Kingsville, Langwarrin, Melton, North Altona, Pascoe Vale and Yarraville.

Below this Premier Division the league has retained the three Regional Divisions — Eastern, Central and Western.

A system of promotion and relegation between the divisions will be introduced during the season.

Successes

Last year the premier-ship sides were:—

Chadstone — Eastern Division.
Fitzroy — Central Division.

Kingsville — Western Division.

Kingsville also achieved "the double" by winning the District League Cup, defeating Fitzroy 2-1 in a closely contested final at the J.U.S.T. ground, in which Fitzroy missed a penalty.

The Reserve Division, run for the first time last season, was won by Chadstone Reserves, who went through the season undefeated.

Eighteen new clubs have entered the league this season. They are:—

Ascot United
Balcombe
Brunswick United
Burnley
Central Altona
Doveton
East Brunswick
Kew

this division all appear to lack that little something that makes champions of a team.

Having recently seen newcomers Burnley in action, I was most impressed and fancy their

CENTRAL DIVISION

East Carlton, with a season's experience under their belts, will be a force in this division. They have the ex-Juventus star John Bressan as player-coach, and a top-class defender in Johnny Rossetto.

They will, however, miss the services of secretary Frank Calibria, who is currently serving a 12-month suspension imposed by the disciplinary committee following an incident against Ardeer last season.

East Carltons' main opposition could come from Keon Park United, where coach Manual Mallia has his players training hard two nights a week in preparation for the coming season. In recent practice matches Keon Park have drawn with Moreland and defeated Eltham.

chances. They are an ambitious club, and have an outstanding captain-coach in John Tato, who previously held the same position with the now-defunct Sporting City.

Doveton, who have re-entered the league after a season's absence, will also make their presence felt. Doveton have long been a force in junior circles, and it is about time that this policy paid dividends in their senior set-up.

by Rick Lavale

Laverton
Mitcham
Parkville Cedars
Reservoir
Royal Park
Toorak
Werribee
West Melbourne
Williamstown, and Windsor.

These clubs will compete in the regional divisions, and help to develop soccer in new areas.

On the administrative side one face that will be missing is that of Mr. John Morrison, who has been chairman of the management committee since the league's birth.

Unfortunately Mr. Morrison's duties as secretary of the Springvale Soccer Club make it impossible for him to continue in the league position.

Reorganised

The District League Cup Competition also has a new look this season.

Provision has been made in the league fixtures to play one knockout cup round each month — an improvement over the previous system when all Cup rounds were left to the end of the season, and then played in consecutive weeks.

The District League Cup is a magnificent trophy, donated by Mr. Walter Lawton, who is connected with the Langwarrin Club.

Previous winners are: 1966—West Preston.
1967—Parkville.
1968—Fitzroy.
1969—Kingsville.

PREMIER DIVISION

Kingsville swept all before them last season and are the obvious choice. They have a very fast young side, two amazing goal-grabbers in Cele and Pero, and a lot of support. They are definitely the team to beat.

Fitzroy could press Kingsville, but have had changes on the administrative side, so I'll wait and see how this affects their performances on the field.

EASTERN DIVISION

The established clubs in

Eighteen more this year

The Creek have, however, under the management of Dave Davison, been team-building and have a top-class forward in Trif Avrimov, who was their top scorer last season.

Chadstone have moved into their new ground at Main Road Reserve, South Oakleigh. The club are approaching the coming season cautiously, knowing the strength of the Premier Division.

Langwarrin, who have — and own — one of the best grounds in Victoria, have lost playing coach Tom Newbigin, who recently changed to neighboring Frankston City, where he will concentrate on the coaching side of the business.

The District club with the strongest following is surely Melton where, when Cup time comes around, the support extends even as far as the making and wearing of rosettes in Melton's colors of black and white, and some of the fans even wave cardboard replicas of the cup.

Past rivals Regent and West Preston, who finished in sixth and seventh positions respectively in the

Central Zone last year, have now amalgamated and will enter the seventies under the name of Regent.

Overall improvement

For the overall improvement in the organisation of the District League and Cup, Mr. Len Willmer, Secretary, V.S.F., can be thanked, for he has given his experience, knowledge and time to guide the administrators on the right path and come up with a cleverly reformed system.

Publicity

All club secretaries or publicity officers can have the advantage of Soccer News publicity by supplying me with information on their clubs and weekly match reports. I am available on Sundays after 6.30 p.m. on 57-5977, and any week-day after 6 p.m.

Match reports must be in before 11 p.m. Sunday nights.

World Cup prospects

*Reviewed by
Jim Barker*

Peru

Got there, qualifying at the expense of hot group favorites Argentina. Now coached by former Brazilian World Cup star Didi, Peru, who prepared for several months for their vital matches, are spearheaded in attack by a couple of "flying" wingers in Baylon and Ramirez. A well-balanced side, they quickly capitalised on two bad defensive blunders by Argentina in the final group match and earned both a draw and a place in the final series.

Previous record
Peru 1930 P W D L F A Pts
2 0 0 2 1 4 0

Peru's last appearance in the final series was in the inaugural competition held in Montevideo back in 1930. Drawn in Pool 3 against the host nation, Uruguay and Rumania, they were quickly eliminated.

1970 Prospects. Group IV. LEON

Rapidly being established by many experts as the dark horses of the competition, Peru may do another "North Korea". With players from leading national league side Uni-

versitario de Deportes, they knit together well as a team. Solti is a dangerous centre forward and Gallardo, formerly of Milan, a striker of note. Their team morale is excellent.

Forecast

Will qualify with West Germany if they manage to defeat the tough Bulgarian side in the vital first match.

Rumania

Got there after holding Greece to a draw in the last game in the group played in Bucharest. That Portugal, third place-winners, should win only one match was the major surprise of the preliminary rounds. With Switzerland poised for victory the Rumanians came to Lausanne and narrowly won one-nil, thanks above all to a splendid defence.

Previous record
1938 P W D L F A Pts
1954 1 0 0 1 1 2 0
1930 2 1 0 1 3 5 2

Thanks to the personal efforts of their King, the Rumanians were one of the few European teams to make the long trip to Uruguay for the first World Cup series, only to lose out to the host nation

after an encouraging early win over Peru.

Eliminated by Czechoslovakia at Trieste in 1934 and by lonely little Cuba at Toulouse four years later, Rumania have a record that could hardly be worse.

1970 Prospects. Group III. GUADALAJARA

As their team manager recently said, "Rumania have everything to win and nothing to lose by playing in this toughest of

all groups against England, Brazil and Czechoslovakia." They have a new exciting team with clever young striker Dubrin and a penetrating new winger called Dembrovski spearheading an adventurous attack that may well unsettle England in the opening match on June 2.

Forecast

It is hard to see Rumania improving on their past record. They will not progress beyond the group.

**Next Week:
Czechoslovakia and Sweden**

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